

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question:**                         **BR20**  
**Topic:**                               **Scallop Fishery**  
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**Senator Colbeck asked:**

**Senator COLBECK:** What about any conversations with the scallop fishery about the impacts of seismic testing in those regions and any work that they might be doing?

**Dr Pigram:** They have not approached us.

**Senator COLBECK:** They have not approached you?

**Dr Pigram:** No, not directly to Geoscience Australia.

**Senator COLBECK:** Have you had any conversations with GeoScience Victoria about their operations and the potential impacts that they might be having?

**Dr Pigram:** I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of GA conversing with GeoScience Victoria on that topic.

**Answer:**

Subsequent to the answer that Geoscience Australia provided to Question AR13 in March 2011, several telephone conversations took place between Geoscience Australia and GeoScience Victoria regarding the claim by scallop fishers that the seismic survey killed scallops. These conversations were about what processes GeoScience Victoria was following to respond to the claim and occurred in the first week of November 2010.

Geoscience Australia has had no contact with the Tasmanian Scallop industry.